Docket No.: 826.1771

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

DET re the Application of:

Katsuhiko NISHIKAWA

Serial No. 09/987,898

Group Art Unit: 2187

Confirmation No. 7809

Filed: November 16, 2001

Examiner: Hiep T. Nguyen

For:

STORAGE SERVICE METHOD, STORAGE SERVICE USER TERMINAL DEVICE, STORAGE SERVICE PROVIDING DEVICE, AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING

STORAGE SERVICE PROGRAM

## **AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312**

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Allowance dated February 8, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows, in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.312 and for the reasons discussed in the accompanying REMARKS.